

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2006 AT 7:00 PM  
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Mayor McRae, Councillors Chopra, McLeman, Mealey, Patterson, Solda and Whiteman.

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (including introduction of late items)**

*Patterson/Mealey*

*That the agenda be adopted as circulated with the addition of late items C.3 letter from Deidre Bruce, G.1. Revision of OCP, I.4. Hupacasath First Nation and I.5.a. UBCM Community Health Promotion Fund.*

*Carried*

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

*Mealey/Whiteman*

*That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held November 14, 2006 be adopted as circulated.*

*Carried*

**C. DELEGATIONS**

**1. Collective Agreement with CUPE Local 118**

The City Manager announced the City's endorsement of the Collective Agreement with CUPE Local 118, effective January 1, 2007 for a three year term. CUPE Local 118 President, Norm Parker and Vice-president Dan Goddard were in attendance.

**2. Pacific Rim Health Services Cooperative**

Dr. Curt Smecher, president of the Pacific Rim Health Services Cooperative, provided information on the formation and purposes of the cooperative. It will help to provide health services within the Valley, including the new Doctors' office at 4711 Elizabeth Street.

**3. Deirdre Bruce, Department of Geography, University of Victoria**

Deidre Bruce was unable to attend on account of the weather. The City Clerk read a letter from Ms. Bruce which provided information on her University of Victoria project on tapping the bigleaf maple in timber dependent communities.

*Chopra/McLeman*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni help to support the Bigleaf Maple Project by providing access to trees on City lands and providing a venue for a public meeting.*

*Carried*

**4. Mike Kokura, Europa Club**

Mike Kokura made a presentation to Council on behalf of the Europa Club and discussed the Oktoberfest 2006 event. Council agreed to provide the Club with a certificate of appreciation.

**5. Don Clark, President of Port Alberni Crime Stoppers**

Don Clarke introduced himself to Council and provided a brief outline of the program.

**6. Save Our Valley Alliance**

*McLeman/Whiteman*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni recognize Keith Wyton of the Save Our Valley Alliance as a delegation to discuss removal of private lands from Tree Farm Licences and the impact on the community.*

*Carried*

*McLeman/Chopra*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni ask the province why private lands were removed from Tree Farm Licences and demand a clear explanation.*

*Carried*

*McLeman/Mealey*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni explore undertaking legal action against the province to receive damages caused by the removal of private lands from Tree Farm Licences.*

*Carried*

**7. Alexandra Pazitch**

*McLeman/Mealey*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni recognize Alexandra Pazitch as a delegation to discuss the Boil Water Advisory and the impacts of logging activities.*

*Carried*

Mrs. Pazitch read from a letter which she sent to the Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Health, regarding the impact of logging on the City's drinking water quality.

The City Manager reported that the City's Boil Water Advisory has been lifted.

**D. PROCLAMATIONS    NIL**

**E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

**1. Port Alberni Local Katimavik Committee**

*Chopra/Mealey*

*That the letter dated October 18, 2006 requesting free bus passes for the 3 volunteers who travel more than the 2 kilometre walk limit to their work site, be received and Council provide bus passes to all Katimavik members in similar circumstances.*

*Carried*

**2. Alberni District Teachers' Union**

*McLeman/Mealey*

*That the letter dated November 16, 2006 requesting that the City install a pedestrian controlled traffic light and improve lighting at the intersection of Tenth Avenue and North Park Drive, be received and referred to the Advisory Traffic Committee for consideration.*

*Carried*

**3. City of Burnaby**

*Solda/McLeman*

*That the letter dated October 27, 2006 providing a copy of Burnaby Council's resolution regarding homelessness, requesting Provincial and Federal governments to provide funding and programs to establish affordable housing initiatives, and requesting that UBCM and FCM municipalities and BC MLAs and MPs support their resolution, be received.*

*Carried*

**4. Alberni Clayoquot Regional District**

*Chopra/Mealey*

*That the letter dated November 21, 2006 inviting Council and senior staff to attend a Cultural Awareness Session, including an overview of Nuu-chah-nulth culture, history and territory as well as First Nations issues within the Alberni-Clayoquot Region on Thursday, December 7 from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm at the Hupacasath House of Gathering, be received.*

*Carried*

**5. Town of Princeton**

*McLeman/Patterson*

*That the copy of the letter dated November 14, 2006 to Tourism British Columbia regarding the official Tourism BC website, which provides incorrect traveling directions on dangerous routes, be received and the City write to Tourism BC to express their concern regarding directions to and from Port Alberni.*

*Carried*

**F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services**

Letter dated November 15, 2006 enclosing a cheque for \$73,771.33, payment of the 2006 grants-in-lieu of taxes for provincially owned properties. (Note: \$3,019.59 due to the Regional District).

**2. City of Langley**

Copy of letter dated November 9, 2006 to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General regarding the formula used to apply the costs to municipalities for Integrated Homicide Investigation Teams and asking the Province to consider reevaluating the funding formula.

**3. Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia (MFA)**

Letter dated November 14, 2006 announcing that the MFA launched its Fall, 2006 debenture on October 31<sup>st</sup> by re-opening its \$250 million Spring debenture by adding a further \$465 million.

**4. Deloitte & Touche LLP**

Letter dated November 9, 2006 advising that it has created an Infrastructure Advisory and Project Finance group that specializes in helping governments identify the right delivery model for public-purpose capital and services projects.

**5. Minister of Forest and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing**

Letter dated November 14, 2006 regarding the City of Port Alberni's Community Forest and maximizing the allowable annual cut and urging Council to work with the local Ministry to get volume flowing as quickly as possible.

**6. Natural Resources Canada – Canadian Forest Service**

Letter dated November 17, 2006 confirming receipt of the City's Forest Communities Program Proposal which closed October 31<sup>st</sup> and that the Proposal Review Committee will begin deliberations shortly and will notify proponents and announce a decision in January 2007.

- 7. Premier of BC**  
Letter dated November 6, 2006 regarding discussions at UBCM Convention, recommending that the City contact the Minister of Tourism Sports and the Arts regarding hosting the Tall Ships Festival and that he will discuss the promotion of Port Alberni's port facilities with Minister Falcon and Minister Hansen.
- 8. City of Abashiri**  
Letter dated November 17, 2006 from Mayor Osamu Oba from the City of Abashiri and email from Shinko Tsunado expressing concern for our community following the recent storm.
- 9. Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia**  
Letter dated November 8, 2006 providing an invitation to the Mineral Exploration Roundup 2007, in Vancouver, January 29 to February 1, 2007
- 10. Prime Minister**  
Letter dated November 10, 2006 responding to the City's June 14, 2006 letter regarding the softwood lumber agreement and economic health in Port Alberni, and advising that the letter has been referred to the Minister of International Trade and the Minister of Natural Resources for information and consideration.
- 11. Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing**  
Letter dated November 9, 2006 responding to the City's June 14, 2006 letter (attached to item F.10 above) regarding the softwood lumber negotiations and providing an update on the status of the 2006 Canada/United States softwood lumber agreement.
- 12. City of North Vancouver**  
Memo dated November 8, 2006 to all UBCM municipalities advising of its resolutions regarding endorsement of the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change.
- 13. Sport BC**  
Letter dated November 9, 2006 providing a copy of the Fall 2006 edition of the Sport BC Community Report highlighting Sport BC Initiatives.
- 14. Belle Puri, BC Legislature Bureau Chief, CBC News Television**  
Email dated November 16, 2006 thanking City staff for assistance while in Port Alberni reporting on the last week's storm.
- 15. Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General**  
Letter dated November 17, 2006 advising that their office will contact the City regarding a meeting to discuss bingo affiliation and access to gaming funds for charities and non-profit agencies in Port Alberni.

*Mealey/Chopra  
That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 15 be  
received and filed.*

*Carried*

**G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. City Clerk – Revision of the City's OCP**

*Mealey/Solda*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni conduct a special meeting of Council for the purpose of reviewing the proposed Official Community Plan on Monday, December 4, 2006 at 4:00 pm.*

*Carried*

**H. BYLAWS**

**1. "5 Year Financial Plan Bylaw 2006-2010, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 4654"**

*Chopra/Mealey*

*That the report from the Director of Finance requesting Council's approval of "5 Year Financial Plan Bylaw 2006-2010, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 4654", be received.*

*Carried*

*Chopra/Patterson*

*That "5 Year Financial Plan Bylaw 2006-2010, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 4654", be now introduced and read a first time.*

*Carried*

*Chopra/Whiteman*

*That "5 Year Financial Plan Bylaw 2006-2010, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 4654", be read a second time.*

*Carried*

*Chopra/Solda*

*That "5 Year Financial Plan Bylaw 2006-2010, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 4654", be read a third time.*

*Carried*

*Chopra/Patterson*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to post notice of Bylaw No. 4654, indicating it will be considered for adoption at the Special Meeting of Council on Thursday, December 21, 2006.*

*Carried*

**I. REPORTS**

**1. Accounts**

*Chopra/Mealey*

*That the certification of the Director of Finance dated November 27, 2006 be received and the cheques numbered 93241 to 93408 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$1,254,142.96 be approved.*

*Carried*

**2. RCMP**

*Solda/Chopra*

*That the monthly report from the OIC, Port Alberni providing information about current departmental operations, be received.*

*Carried*

**3. Parks and Recreation**

*Whiteman/McLeman*

*That the monthly report from the Director of Parks and Recreation providing information about current departmental operations, be received.*

*Carried*

**4. City Clerk – Report Re: Official Community Plan Consultation (CM)**

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That the City Clerk's report and the letter from the Hupacasath First Nation dated November 21, 2006 be received and Council proceed with the Public Hearing on December 4, 2006 at 5:00 pm.*

*Carried*

**5. City Planner – Public Consultation for an Official Community Plan Amendment**

*Mealey/Whiteman*

*That the public consultation for an Official Community Plan Amendment Policy be approved as outlined in the November 22, 2006 report from the City Planner, attached hereto and forming part of these minutes.*

*Carried*

**5.a. Manager of Human Resources – UBCM Community Health Promotion Fund**

*Solda/Whiteman*

*That the report from the Manager of Human Resources and Community Development dated November 27, 2006 be received and Council endorse the final submission from the City to the UBCM Community Health Promotion Fund 2006, requesting \$35,000 to be used to augment and support the Safe Communities Initiative for an expanded Quality of Life Indicators survey.*

*Carried*

**6. Mayor's Report**

The Mayor reported on recent activities and matters of current interest.

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That the Mayor's report be received.*

*Carried*

**7. Councillors' Reports**

The Councillors reported on recent activities related to their various portfolios.

*Mealey/McLeman*

*That the Councillors' reports be received.*

*Carried*

**J. QUESTION PERIOD**

An opportunity for the public and the press to ask questions of the Mayor and Council. There were no questions.

**K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**1. Catalyst Paper**

The Mayor read a press release regarding Catalyst Paper's response to the City's offer for tax relief. The Mayor will be meeting with the president, Russ Horner, on December 8, 2006.

**2. Economic Development**

*McLeman/Solda*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni meet to discuss the future of  
Economic Development.*

*Carried*

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

*McLeman/Solda*

*That the meeting adjourn at 9:02 pm.*

*Carried*

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Mayor

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Clerk